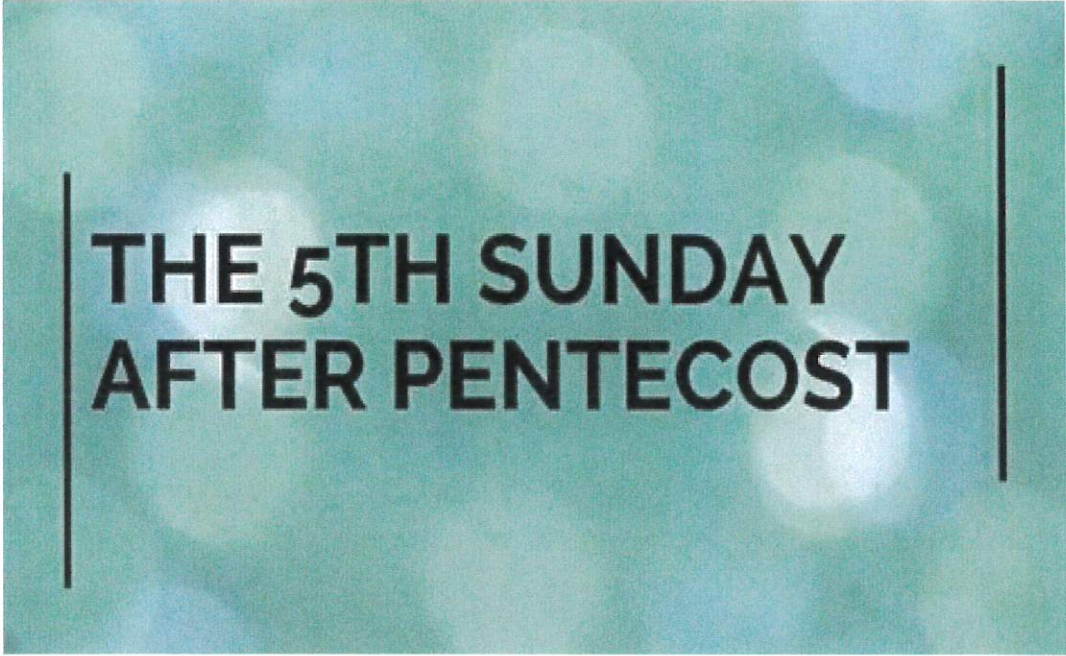


*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



**THE 5TH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

*Join Us for*  
**WORSHIP**

*By Grace you have been saved!*

*"We have decided to follow Jesus and  
There's no turning back!"*

# Grace Lutheran Church

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

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**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG** - ELW #522 – “As We Gather at Your Table”

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** - ELW p. 94 *Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen. Assembly sits.**

**GREETING** - p. 203

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

**KYRIE** - p. 203

**HYMN OF PRAISE** - p. 204a

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** - Please see insert.

**FIRST READING** – Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 25:1-10** - Please see insert and read responsively

**SECOND READING** – Colossians 1:1-14 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – p. 205a

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Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior; o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

P: The holy gospel according to ....

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** – Luke 10:25-37 Please see insert.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**A:** Praise to you, O Christ. *The assembly sits.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - ELW #708 – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

**APOSTLES CREED** - p. 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN** - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” hymn - ELW #884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** - p. 206 Response after each portion of the prayer:

**P:** Lord, in your mercy,

**A:** hear our prayer.

**LORD'S PRAYER** - p. 208 – *Please stand in body or spirit for the Lord's Prayer.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING** - p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

**A: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL** - p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

**A: Thanks be to God.** *The assembly sits.*

**SENDING SONG** – ELW #696 – “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”

**POSTLUDE**

***We pray always for . . .***

*Pastor Steve Billington, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Becky Knake,*

*Richard Roesener, Joan Wellensiek, Andy Wellensiek & Haleigh Werner*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Winfrida, Juliana, Hassan, and Evance, orphans sponsored in Tanzania*

## *Announcements*

**TODAY 7/13/25** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Worship - 8:30 a.m.*

*Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship*

*Osage Ice Cream Social – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.*

Thank you, John Weber, for  
being our Guest Organist today!

**MONDAY 7/14/25**

*Bible Study – 2:00 p.m.*

**MONDAY thru FRIDAY 7/14-28/25**

*Vacation Bible School @ Grace Lutheran – 5:30 – 7:45 p.m.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 7/20/25** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### **COOK WINDMILL CITY DAYS**

**Community Worship in the PARK 9:00 a.m. Please note the time for Worship**

*VBS Students to sing during worship*

*Cook Rescue Squad Breakfast @ Cook Firehall – 8:00–11:00 am*

*Cook Museum Bake Sale & Raffle -- Museum Food Stand @ CCC - 11 am to 2 pm*

**July 21 - Church Council - 7:00 p.m.**

**July 22 – 30 - Pastor will be on Vacation**

**July 22 – Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day**

**July 25 – Tower Echoes Deadline**

**July 26 - Carol Joy Holling Quilt Auction**

**July 28<sup>th</sup> will be Joint Worship @ Hope Lutheran 10:00 a.m.**

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office.*

*You may email the church office [grace68329@gmail.com](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com)*

**You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)**

**402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)**

*Please join us for fellowship in the basement  
following worship ☺*

*The Cook Museum is  
requesting donations of pies  
and baked goods for the  
Museum bake sale on  
July 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*Also, contact Kris Gerking if  
you would be able to  
volunteer to help at the Food  
Stand from 11:00 – 3:00.*

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### **Let's Celebrate Mr. Oestmann's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

Harlan Oestmann, long time Talmage and Nemaha Valley teacher and coach is celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Join in the Open House celebration on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Cook Community Center. Birthday cards can be mailed to: 250 Northridge Drive, Tecumseh, NE 68450.





# Today's Readings

Sunday, July 13, 2025  
5th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

## Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

## Psalm

## Psalm 25:1-10; tone 4



To <sup>1</sup>you, O LORD,  
I lift <sup>1</sup>up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you;**  
**let me not be <sup>1</sup>put to shame,**  
**nor let my enemies**  
**triumph <sup>1</sup>over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you  
be <sup>1</sup>put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame  
<sup>1</sup>who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your <sup>1</sup>ways, O LORD,**  
**and teach <sup>1</sup>me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your <sup>1</sup>truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted  
all <sup>1</sup>the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD,**  
**your compas- <sup>1</sup>sion and love,**  
**for they are from <sup>1</sup>everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth  
and <sup>1</sup>my transgressions;

remember me  
according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake  
of your good- <sup>1</sup>ness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- <sup>1</sup>right,**  
**O LORD;**  
**therefore you teach sinners**  
**<sup>1</sup>in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- <sup>1</sup>ly in justice  
and teach the low- <sup>1</sup>ly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD,**  
**are steadfast <sup>1</sup>love and faithfulness**  
**to those who keep your covenant**  
**and your <sup>1</sup>testimonies.**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and

he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## Gospel

## Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he

passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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